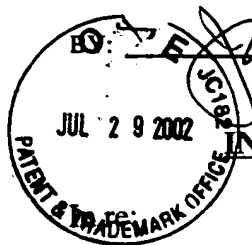


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- [X] A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith.
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